Bible & Daily Living

God's messengers

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
GOD'S MIRRORING MESSENGERS
Lesson for November 27, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Mathew 5:13-16; 28:18-20; II Corinthians 5:18-21; II Timothy 4:1-2

Introduction

Christians sometimes operate under the misleading notion that our mission is to "carry" Christ to the imprisoned, the sick, the elderly, and to those on foreign shores. We do not carry Christ anywhere; he is there ahead of us, ever present in the sickroom, the prison cell, and in foreign places.

When we go to visit the sick, the imprisoned, or to foreign soils, we go to mirror the love and grace of Christ. Through our presence, our prayers, and our compassionate words and deeds, others may see and encounter Christ through us.

We can take comfort in the knowledge that Christ goes before us. He is there in the sickroom or prison cells, looking on with care and concern. When we visit we are there as Christ's representatives to share his love. Through us the needy may catch a glimpse of Christ and be reconciled to him, find strength in his presence, and receive grace to go on.

Salty Influence [Matthew 5:13-16]

Christ's "Sermon on the Mount" is not really a sermon. It is a collection of teachings which Jesus shared with his disciples. This "sermon" described a pattern for life for those who chose to follow him. To describe the character of a disciple, Jesus used the metaphors of salt and light. We know about salt as a preservative. We who love country ham and salted herring know how salt makes these two foods a Virginia delicacy! When Christians become the salt of the earth they, too, act as a kind of preservative. We are called to help preserve our communities through our Christ-like influence. Light, on the other hand, serves to illuminate, and Christians are to shine brightly in the marketplace, political arena, and in the neighborhood.

Working For The Lord [Matthew 28:18-20; II Timothy 4:1-2]

Jesus left explicit instructions to his disciples that they were to go out and make disciples of others. They would be empowered by his abiding power. No disciple enters a mission without Christ abiding power and presence.

The call to discipleship involves the urgency to make disciples of others and baptize them "... in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost..."

In II Timothy we find a charge from Paul for those who dare enter ministry as a full-time life of service. Paul was always alert to the need for more people to devote their life to preaching the Gospel. Paul took Timothy under his wing and nurtured him along in ministry. It was probably through Paul that Timothy became a Christian during one of Paul's missionary journey. Our influence can make a profound difference in the lives of people we encounter.

The Ministry of Reconciliation [II Corinthians 5:18-21]

There is much brokenness in the world. Daily we see broken homes, broken marriages, broken commitments, dashed dreams, despair, and pain. Christ calls each of us to participate with him in the ministry of reconciliation.

Sin is the culprit that causes brokenness and barriers to go up amongst people. Christians also experience brokenness and need healing. We can be alert to each other's pain and seek to bring healing through our ministry of presence, prayer, and touch.

As Paul said "... we are ambassadors for Christ..." We each are called to break down barriers which keep people apart from God and from one another. We can take comfort from Christ's promise that he will be with us at all times.

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WORSHIP

Special service set

The Church of St. Thomas More at 3015 Roundelay Road (off Timberlake Road) in Lynchburg is sponsoring a German Advent Service on December 4, 1983 at 6:00 p.m.

This service will be conducted in the German language by Father Heinz Medoch from Washington, D. C. - the German Catholic Military Chaplain for the eastern part of the United States and for Canada.

Father Medoch has been stationed in Washington,. D. C. since August 1980. He is the pastor of the German-speaking Catholic Community in the Washington, D. D. area which includes, for example, the Catholic people of the German , Austrian, and Switzerland Embassies, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, Press and Business officials, etc.

Father Medoch conducted the service that was held two years ago in December 1981 in Lynchburg

All German-speaking persons and others interested in the German language are invited to attend.

A social hour will be held after the service in the church fellowship hall, providing an opportunity to meet old friends and new people.

Obituaries

Alsia Conway Layne

Funeral services for Alsia Conway Layne, of Williamsburg and formerly of Route 2, Nathalie, were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. from Republican Grove Baptist Church in Halifax County, with the Rev. L. S. Otey officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family was at the residence of a sister, Mrs. Erma Barbour, Route 2, Gretna.

Miller Funeral Home, Gretna, was in charge of arrangements.

Infant Julian Shauntaz Napier

Infant Julian Shauntaz Napier entered into eternal rest Saturday at his residence on Route 2, Concord.

Born in Lynchburg, he was a son of Jerry Trent Jr. and Mrs. Teresa Christian Napier. His paternal grandparents are Jerry Trent Sr. and Mrs. Alene Trent of Concord. His maternal grandparents are the Rev. Deb Christian and Mrs. Dorothy Christian.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, he is survived by two brothers, Charles Napier III and Michael Napier, both of Concord; one sister, Miss Tracy Napier, Concord, and other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Mt. Airy Baptist Church cemetery, Appomattox, the Rev. J. D. Scruggs officiated.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Calin Elec Robertson, Sr.

Calin Elec Robertson, Sr., 82, of 802 Mansfield Ave., Lynchburg, died Friday, Nov. 18, 1983, at his residence. He was the husband of Maizie Beale Robertson.

He was the son of the late Powhatan Spencer Robertson and Amanda Thomas Robertson of Lynchburg. He was a retired employee of the Lynchburg Hosiery Mill and was a member of Park View United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Juanita R. Wilson.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Calvin E. Robertson Jr. and Roy A. Robertson both of Lynchburg; five daughters, Mrs. Franklin R. (Inez) Foster and Mrs. David E. (Nancy) Goff, both of Concord, and Mrs. Don R. (Betty) Marsh, Marie Robertson and Mrs. Vernon W. (Dolores) Wright, all of Lynchburg; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Waverly G. Reames. Interment was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Edd Lee Robertson

Edd Lee Robertson of Appomattox passed away Nov. 14 at 12:30 a.m.

He was born May 15, 1889, to the late Scott and Mary Robertson in Buckingham County. He accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Mount Airy Baptist Church. In the early '40's he joined the deacon board.

He leaves to mourn four daughters, Ms. Sallie Jenkins of Appomattox, Ms. Mary Megginson of Baltimore, Md., Ms. Mary Tinsley of West Virginia and Ms. Sadie Robertson of Rhode Island; one son, Sidney Robertson of West Virginia; 40 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A funeral services was held Thursday at 3 p.m. at Mount Airy Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery.

West Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Wade H. Steele

Mrs. Alice Weinman Steele, of Concord died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday,

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New variety of wheat is released

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Saluda is the name of a new wheat variety, released by the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station.

Saluda is awnleted with very short tip awns, is white chaffed, medium short in height, and mid-seasoned in maturity. Spikes are short and compact and tend generally to have three seeds per spikelet. Seeds are plump and medium in thousand kernal weight. Saluda tends to tiller profusely and is inclined to lodge under conditions of high fertility. Milling quality is good and baking quality is fair.

Under Virginia conditions, Saluda has been moderately resistant to powdery mildew and leaf rust. It is moderately susceptible to spindle streak virus, and is susceptible to stem rust and Hessian fly. Winter hardiness is adequate.

An adequate supply of seed should be available for 1984 seeding. Small quantities of seed for testing purposes may still be available. If interested, give me a call.

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Don't short change hay and pasture lands that were seriously damaged by the past summer's heat and drought. Be, sure lime and fertility needs are met.

There are some weeds in these pastures and they need to be sprayed

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The 1984 Virginia Direct Marketing Conference will be held at Fort Magruder Inn, Williamsburg, Jan. 25-26. If you would like a program, call our office.

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The 1983 corn hybrid evaluations are in--we should have publications with this information in early January. If someone wants to review the 1983 yields, I do have a file copy. Some varieties yield 25% better than the average of this year's test. I believe that it's a good investment in time to study this report.

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Have you watched the price of eggs move up in recent weeks? It is because of the heavy death loss of layers. Some estimates are that more than two million birds will die or be destroyed because of a disease known as Avian Influenza. It affects poultry, turkey and other types of domestic and wild fowl. **It is not transmissable to humans.**

More details appear in a companion article in today's paper.

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There will be 60 breeding age (20-22 month) bulls offered for sale at the All-Breed Performance Tested Sale, December 3 at Augusta Expoland, Staunton.

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Cattle breeders who select stock on the basis of both yearling weight and muscling score of their ancestors may find that those animals grow more rapidly with less feed per pound of gain than cattle from ancestors selected for yearling weight alone.

In an 18-year study on Hereford cattle, the weight (at slaughter) of steers from a fast-growing line has generally increased. These steers weigh 100 pounds more than control animals of the same slaughter age.

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We've had farmers say that certain pesticides just don't perform as well as it did a few years ago. We have tended to feel that the insect or weed may be becoming immune to the pesticide.

Now, new evidence shows that the problem is developing because of very efficient soil micro-organisms. Micro-organisms that live in the soil are among the most efficient recyclers on Earth. They decompose nature's litter and mankind's refuse into compounds essential to plant and animal life as well as their own survival.

They may be becoming too efficient; they are reducing the effective life of these compounds from months to days. As a result, some farmers have little or no pest control.

There is evidence that they are breaking down Furadan, Eradicane and Sutan. This year Eradicane Extra was on the market. The Extra is an extender (a microbial inhibitor) but the researchers say, "the extender loses its ability to correct the problem once it is used repeatedly."

This development was first discovered in the mid-west, but it's believed that the action is at work in our soils also.

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There will be a Private Applicator's Certification Program for those who have allowed their certification to expire or who have never been certified on Monday, Dec. 19, 7:15 p.m., District Extension Office Auditorium.

You will need to pick-up a copy of the publication, **Pesticide Applicator Certification Training Manual** from our office to prepare for the training. The cost is $4.00.

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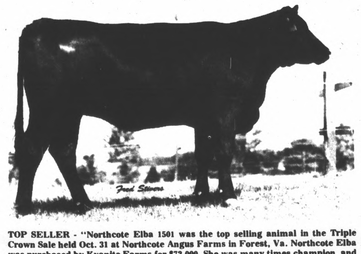

TOP SELLER - "Northcote Elba 1501 was the top selling animal in the Triple Crown Sale held Oct. 31 at Northcote Angus Farms in Forest, Va. Northcote Elba was purchased by Kyanite Farms for $72,000. She was many times champion, and has been recognized as one of the top angus females. Dewey Fannon, farm manager, says the animal will contribute greatly to the embryo-transplant program at Kyanite Farms.

ASCS Today

Committee election nominees announced

By TOM CONRAD

Slates of Nominees Developed For Committee Election - The Slates of nominees for the upcoming ASC committee election have been developed.

The nominees are as follows: **Cloverhill**: Oliver Chambers, R. Keith Coleman, E.M.C. Covington, Marvin A. Glover, Jr., and J. H. Rosser.

Southside - John T. Hunter Jr., Ronald H. Jones, H. Nelson Mann, H. W. Mann, and Coleman Robinson.

Stonewall - W. E. Bondurant Jr., Calvin Harris, R. T. Megginson, Lyle Moore, and Lacy Webb.

The ASC committee elections will be conducted by mail from November 25 until December 5. Eligible voters will receive a secret ballot in the mail with instructions on how to vote for candidates for their choice and return the ballot to the county ASCS office. The ballots will be mailed November 25, 1983. Voters are urged to vote and return their ballots to the ASCS office by December 5. This year voters must pay postage on mailed envelopes.

Participation in ASC elections is open to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

Feed Grain Producers To Receive Base Acreage, Yieled Notices - Feed grain producers in Appomattox County soon will receive notification of their 1984 base acreage and yields.

Producers who want to establish proven yields for 1984 fee grains should assemble proof of production records for their 1983 crops. To request a proven yield for a particular crop, the producer must collect data for all farms on which the crop was grown. The farmer is also required to keep all production evidence separate for each year and for each farm. Proven yield information may include crop production from one to three years. Final certification results as of 11-18-88 showed that approximate 1550 feed grain base acres are in compliance with the 1983 acreage reduction program. These farmers are eligible for deficiency payments, crop loans, and use of the grain reserve for their feed grain crops.

Farmers are also reminded to report any changes in their farm operations for the 1984 program year. To avoid eligibility problems, farm records must be accurate and up-to-date.

Banking hours altered

American Federal Savings and Loan, Farmers National Bank and Central Fidelity Bank will be open today, (Wednesday) for normal Friday banking hours.

This Friday, (Nov. 25), the financial institutions will close at 2 p.m. The alteration in hours is to accomodate customers during the Thanksgiving holiday period.

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